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There are three rail lines in operation between Vladivostok and Khabarovsk. The standard locomotives for these rail lines are specially built and use a type of water condenser which permits longer runs between watering stations. These locomotive condensers have solved the hot and cold water problem during the winter months from October to March. The cars are equipped with automatic couplers and a braking system operated by cables and pulleys. The trains have also increased their haulage capacity. Comment: The water condenser above probably refers to the condenser type tender used by Serge Ordzhonikidze locomotives.)

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- The construction of the BAM (Baikal Amur Magistral) Railway, which runs north of Lake Baikal connecting Taishet with Komsomolsk, was finished in February 1948 with the completion of the section between Tyrma and Komsomolsk. Tyrma is also connected with the Trans-Siberian Railway by a branch line from Izvestkovaya. The Tyrma-Komsomolsk line facilitates transportation of coal and iron mined in the Bureya River region to the steel foundries in Komsomolsk. Nikolayevsk and Sovetskaya Gavan are joined to the BAM by lines running to Komsomolsk. Comment: It is possible that Tyrma is on a branch line of the BAM, as previous reports locate the BAM Dout 175 miles further north, running through Ekimchan.)
- 3. A branch line of the Trans-Siberian railroad from Ulan Ude to Ulan Bator via Kinkhta is now operating.

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